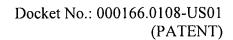


Docket No. AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER 000166.0108-US01 Art Unit Filing Date Examiner Application No. 1615 10/022,859-Conf. #1415 December 20, 2001 J. A. Venkat Applicant(s): J. Michael Ramstack et al. Invention: PREPARATION OF MICROPARTICLES HAVING IMPROVED FLOWABILITY TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below. **CLAIMS AS AMENDED** Highest Claims Remaining Number Number Extra Claims After Previously Amendment Present Rate Paid **Total Claims** 21 51 х Independent 5 10 Х Claims Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) Extension for response within first month; 300.00 Other fee (please specify): Submission of an Information Disclosure Statement 300.00 TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT: x Large Entity Small Entity No additional fee is required for this amendment. 50-0740 Please charge Deposit Account No. in the amount of \$ A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. X A check in the amount of \$ 300.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed. Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached. 50-0740 X The Director is hereby authorized to charge and credit Deposit Account No. as described below. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. x Credit any overpayment. x Charge any additional filing or application processing fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17. Dated: August 29, 2006 Andrea G. Reiste Attorney/Agent/Reg. No.: 36,253 COVINGTON & BURLING LLP 1201 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, DC 20004-2401 (202) 662-6000





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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated May 2, 2006 (Paper No. 20060501), please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and

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any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-0740.